

March 8, 2001

TO: Members of the MAG Population Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: George Pettit, Gilbert, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Thursday, March 15, 2001 - **1:30 p.m.**
MAG Office, Suite 200, **Ocotillo Room**
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the MAG Population Technical Advisory Committee (POPTAC) will be held at the time and place noted above.

If you are driving, please park in the garage under the Compass Bank Building. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

Please be advised that under procedures approved by the MAG Regional Council on June 26, 1996, all MAG committees need to have a quorum to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership, or 11 people for the MAG POPTAC. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements for a proxy from your jurisdiction to represent you. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Harry Wolfe at (602) 254-6300.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

	<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Call to the Audience</u> Persons wishing to address the MAG POPTAC will be provided an opportunity to comment.	2. For information.
3. <u>Approval of Minutes of January 18, 2001</u>	3. Review and approve meeting minutes of January 18, 2001.

4. Building Permit Completion Status Report

Building permit completions for the quarter ending March 31, 2001 will be due on May 1, 2001. Please provide these completions by the due date and completions for any other quarter if you have not already done so.

5. Status Report on Census 2000

It is anticipated that Census 2000 data for redistricting will be released down to the block level in the very near future. This includes total population and population 18 years and older by race and ethnicity. Census counts for cities and towns will also be released. MAG will forward these counts as soon as they become available. The Secretary of the Department of Commerce has decided that only unadjusted census counts will be released for redistricting. MAG staff will provide a status report and discuss the schedule for the release of other Census data over the next several years.

6. The Future of the Special Census Program

On March 6, 2001, the Census Bureau held a focus group in Alexandria Virginia to solicit input on the future of the Special Census Program. Jim Bourey represented MAG and eight representatives from other jurisdictions from around the country other Eight different jurisdictions from around the Country who had conducted Special Censuses were invited to provide input to the Census Bureau on the future of the program. Census Bureau staff explored three options for a Special Census: "intercensal estimates" prepared by the Bureau annually, the American Community Survey and Update/Enumerate. The Bureau will be making a decision on the future of the Special Census Program later this year. A status report will be provided. Please see Attachment One.

4. For information and discussion

5. For information and discussion.

6. For information and discussion.

7. MAG GIS and Database Enhancement Project

MAG is undertaking a GIS and Database Enhancement Project to establish the base from which a new set of socioeconomic projections will be developed. In February portions of the updated MAG Street Centerline File were forwarded to some member agencies for review. Other portions of the file are still under development. The schedule for the distribution of the remaining portions of the street centerline and the schedule for providing comments will be reviewed with members of the MAG POPTAC.

A status report will be provided.

8. Update of Socioeconomic Projections

At the February 2, 2001 meeting of the State Population Technical Advisory Committee a schedule for preparing new socioeconomic projections was discussed. Because not all the Census data used to prepare new projections will be available in the coming year, it was concluded that that an interim projection be prepared in 2002; and a full projection in 2003. DES would prepare state and county resident population projections and then MAG would use those as control totals to develop subregional projections. A status report will be provided.

9. Process for Making Revisions to Municipal Planning Areas

In preparation for the next round of socioeconomic projections, MAG staff will need to coordinate with member agencies regarding revisions to their Municipal Planning Areas (MPAs). Revisions to MPAs are needed where cities and towns have annexed outside their corporate limits and to incorporate other land that may be considered a part of their planning area in the future. MAG staff will discuss the process for updating MPAs.

10. Water Service Area Resident Population Updates

7. For information and discussion.

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9. For information, discussion and possible action.

For the past eleven years, MAG has been contracted by the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) to assist them with the preparation of resident population estimates for Water Service Areas. The estimates have been prepared using a method consistent with the method used to prepare municipality population estimates. Water Service Area estimates are used by ADWR to gauge compliance with municipal per capita water use targets. Because of funding shortages, ADWR has discontinued the contract and has requested each Water Service Provider to forward them information to be used in preparing estimates. A status report will be provided.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the MAG POPTAC is scheduled for Thursday, April 19, 2001 at 1:30 p.m. There are scheduling conflicts with the Saguaro Room for the remainder of 2001. The issue will be discussed and input solicited from members of the Mag POPTAC Ad Hoc Subcommittee.

10. For information and discussion.

11. For information and discussion.